

April '98 Newsletter

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Balmy Greetings!

Writing this the 30th of March, I can hardly take in the gorgeous daffodils, forsythia, and lovely pink & white trees! And eight days ago it snowed!

But this we hope you will take in--a pastel demo by renowned artist Alden Baker. This will be Monday, April 20 (note change in Mondays this month) at 7:30 pm, Somerset County Library. Alden's credentials are impeccable, and with many excellent juried shows and awards under her palette, you'll be sure to have a grand time. Our thanks to Program Chairwoman, Debbie Tintle.

Our Big Apple Bus Trip Chairwoman, Debbie Hughes, tells me there are still a good number of seats left on the bus for the trip Saturday, April 18 to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Salmagundi Club for the AWS show. Only \$20. but please send your check, made out to RVAA, ASAP to Debbie at 255 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater, 08807. Please be at the upper parking lot of the Somerset County Library at 8:45--the bus leaves pronto at 9 am. We'll be back around 5. You can bring friends; the trip is great. Any other questions, please call Debbie at 725-4639.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the Sutphen family on the loss of our RVAA member Anne Sutphen. Mrs. Sutphen died on March 18th at the age of 97. She will be remembered as a lady who created lovely oil paintings and in recent years continued to paint her own personal greeting cards.

By the time you get this, our Spring Members' Show, co-chaired by Elsa Herrmann and Susan Fury, will be up at the Manville Library, with our large, judged entries on the walls, and smaller, non-judged, in cases. Do come see our show! And President Linda Arnold sends word of an Outdoor Show and Spring Street Festival Sat. June 6th in Newton. \$25. for 10' of space; you can phone 973-300-0433 for further info. Linda also reminds us that in September RVAA has an Extra Treat Show, at the Somerset County Library, lobby only, and details will follow in the next Newsletter.

Our March demo with Bob Heyer was enormously successful and you may want to know that Bob is running several workshops. For May 2 & 3 on Long Beach Island, please contact Director Chris Calandra at 973-256-8578. For Pine Shores Art Association May 4th and 5th contact Pat Shepherd at 609-294-9740. And for July 24th and August 21st at Jane Law's Long Beach Island Art Studio & Gallery, contact Jane at 609-494-4232. And popular demonstrator and teacher Ron Lent has the Martha's Vineyard Workshop from May 28-May 31st for \$150. Please call Joan at 908-236-6542 for information on that.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Connie Gray is in a three-women show at the 1860 House, on Montgomery Road, just off Rt. 206, Montgomery, for the month of April. The opening reception is Friday night, April 4th.

There are several RVAA members in the March show at the Bridgewater Municipal Building and member Molly Grace won the Award in Watercolor and Diana Patton won the Award for Contemporary Art(!).

Susan Furey and son Tim Furey have been in their two-person show all April at the Provident Bank in Dunellen.

Elsa Herrmann was just accepted into Full Membership in the New Jersey Water Color Society and as such, is in their present Members' Show at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Milburn.

Debbie Tintle was awarded the Grumbacher Gold Medallion at the Essex Watercolor Club's Annual Members' Show in the Chatham Library.

So! Now, go--outside: paint, plant gardens, be happy!